
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *Matthew 3:1-12 KJV*

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, (2) And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (3) For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (4) And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. (5) Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, (6) And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. (7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (8) Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: (9) And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. (10) And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (11) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: (12) Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

INTRO: *Prepare Ye the Way of the LORD*

(1) In those days came John the Baptist, ***preaching***

1 Corinthians 1:20-25 KJV

Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? (21) For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it ***pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe***. (22) For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: (23) But ***we preach Christ crucified***, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; (24) But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks,

Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. (25) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Romans 10:13-15 KJV

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (14) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and ***how shall they hear without a preacher***? (15) ***And how shall they preach, except they be sent***? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

2 Timothy 4:1-4 KJV

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; (2) ***Preach the word;*** be instant in season, out of season; ***reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine***. (3) For ***the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine***; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; (4) And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

I. JOHN'S MESSAGE – REPENT

(2) And saying, ***Repent ye***: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

(7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (8) ***Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance***:

Acts 2:38-39 KJV

Then ***Peter*** said unto them, ***Repent***, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive ***the gift of the Holy Ghost***. (39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

II. John's Method – Humility (Baptize)

An outward sign of an inward experience

(11) I indeed ***baptize*** you with water unto ***repentance***:

God's Method!

but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire**:

Acts 1:4-8 KJV

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. (5) For ***John truly baptized with water***; **but** ***ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost*** not many days hence. (6) When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? (7) And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. (8) But ***ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you***: **and** ***ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth***.

III. Prepare Ye the Way of The LORD

This week God has led me into the last chapters of Genesis, the life of Joseph and the interpretation and the fulfillment of the prophetic dream of Pharaoh.

We Need To Prepare